Rufusal of treatment by empanelled Hospitals

3455. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn about the fact that most of the hospitals recognised by Government have now refused to impart treatment to the Central Government employees and pensioners on the plea that the rates of various pathological tests, surgery, etc. are too low and even would not meet the cost; and

(b) if so, what are the rates fixed for each pathological test and surgery and the rates for the same at the CGHS recognized private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Rates for various test and procedures in CGHS have been determined by floating tenders. Only such hospitals are empanelled that sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the CGHS accepting the rates etc. and are liable to stiff penalties for defaults in agreed terms of service delivery including refusal to provide services.

(b) The list of CGHS prescribed rates in available on website www.mohfw.nic.in/cghs.htm.

Ban on all illegal drug combinations

3456. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health experts demanded that the Drug Controller General of India should exercise his power and ban all illegal drug combinations floating in the Indian drugs market including those entered without getting marketing approvals;

(b) whether the State Drug Controllers in serveral cases have exceeded their authority by issuing licenses without prior mandatory approval by the DCGI allowing condition to worsen for drug users across the country;

(c) whether DCGI prepared a list of 1,067 brands for taking necessary action; and

(d) what are the concrete measures and steps his Ministry has considered to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The office of Drugs Controller General (India) [DCG(I)] has informed that it does not have any information.

(b) State Drug Controllers in several cases have granted licenses without prior approval by the DCG(I).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The DCG(I) has issued directions under Section 22 (P) of Drugs and Cosmetics Act in November, 2007 to State Drugs Conrollers of all States/UTs to suspend the manufacturing licenses granted for FDCs under question. However, in January 2008, the drug manufacturers and their associations had filed writ petitions in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras bearing writ petition No. 34777-34781/2007- 35354/07, 35844/07, and 36369/07 and the matter is *subjudice.*